



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, G-3/5/7  
400 ARMY PENTAGON  
WASHINGTON, DC 20310-0400

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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Grassley:

This letter responds to your inquiry on August 3, 2007, concerning inactivation of the Des Moines Recruiting Battalion and consolidation of its recruiting force with the Minneapolis Recruiting Battalion. The U.S. Army Recruiting Command (USAREC) has proposed inactivation of the Des Moines battalion headquarters, but no decision by Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA), has been made to implement this proposal.

The USAREC is currently undergoing extensive transformation of its force structure as a result of significant changes in market trends and population demographics. As part of this transformation, USAREC plans to realign and/or restructure its 41 recruiting battalions and their respective boundaries. Of the existing 41 recruiting battalions, 4 battalion headquarters will be recommended for inactivation.

On June 25, 2007, the Commanding General, USAREC, submitted a proposal to Headquarters, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), Fort Monroe, Virginia, to inactivate the Des Moines battalion headquarters and realign its field recruiting force under the Minneapolis headquarters. The proposal is currently under review by the TRADOC principal staff and is pending a recommendation by the Commanding General, TRADOC. Once this recommendation is made, the proposal will be forwarded to HQDA for consideration by the approving authority, the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7.

Your concerns regarding inactivation of the Des Moines Recruiting Battalion have merit and will be carefully considered in the HQDA review and decision-making process. Thank you for your continued support to our Soldiers.

Sincerely,

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